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The Newsletter of the Chester & District Amateur Radio Society.

EDITORIAL. Greetings Chaps !

This month's edition goes to print after about three week's continuous rain, so we can thank all those Members who spent their Tuesday evenings working on the Headquarters for the fact that we have a reasonably comfortable clubroom in which to meet.

I would like to bring Members notice to the latest addition to the band of N. Letters. This is No.1 of 5 & 9 the Newsletter of the "Liverpool & District Short Wave Club". We wish the Editor and Members of this club every success with their efforts, may they soon be able to call their Newsletter 5 & 9 plus.

Geoff. Myatt (G3FRN) is hoping shortly to move into a bungalow at Ironbridge, so let us hope he will soon be happily settled and not have to travel home each weekend.

That's all for now chaps !

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E.P.

Members News. John Swinnerton (G2VS) has moved to his new Q.T.H. at Manor Croft, Quarry Lane, Christleton and Edgar Wilson (G3FMI) has also moved to a rural setting at Mollington. This has naturally affected their aerial activity (sorry John I didn't mean it that way). Walter Davies appears to have been the only Member who visited the R.S.G.B. Exhibition in London. As Walter has not been seen since at the club we hope he escaped and got back to Nantwich. Your Editor paid a visit to one of the Liverpool 'hams', actually Bill Talbot, proprietor of W.B. Radio and there met quite a lot of the Members of Liverpool & District Short Wave Club. By the way, anyone visiting Liverpool should remember to pay a visit to W.B. Radio, 45, Priory Road (take a 13 or 14 tram or 63 or 64 bus). Although his stock is mainly components, you can be sure of a square deal. As it is nearing Christmas I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the readers of these notes very best wishes for Christmas and for the New Year all the best DX, bags of RF all going up the spout, no TVI and all passes in Morse tests and Radio exams.

Meeting News. We were given a very interesting lecture on October 16th, the subject being "Direction Finding". Two Members of our friendly rivals, the Wirral Club, stimulated our interest in what up to the present has not been a part of our Club activities. With some amusing anecdotes by Basil O'Brien the lecture October 22nd was spent on making an inventory of the various parts required for the proposed transmitter. On November 6th, Dennis Rickers and Ted Elphick bludgeoned all and sundry into being Quiz Kids, probably it was fortunate for them that there was no throwing ammunition at hand, or we should probably have re-lived our school days. The next week was spent on the winter work project. Film Strips dealing with the origin, application and construction of Mullan Cathode Ray Tubes were shown on November 20th. These Film Strips are probably the most interesting way of showing Members the amount of research required before the manufacture of valves, and gives a good insight into the excellent work done in the Mullan laboratories at Mitcham. Progress Report No.1. was the topic for the following Tuesday evening. This dealt with the circuit and principles of the exciter unit. December 4th brought us a very interesting lecture on the design of equipment for 2 metres. 3FMI demonstrated his SCR 522 transmitter, though unfortunately not on the air. Howell Morris (3ATZ) dealt with the receiver side of the subject, and gave an account of what we may expect when we are all converted to V.H.F.

Curtain Lines (and line shooting by 2 YS)

Prior to getting his outside aerial strung up, 2 YS succeeded in working 3 FNV (John Butler) and 3HLP (George Brown) on his shack curtain rail ! When working 3 FNV he switched off the PA and his signals dropped -- from S 9 plus-plus to S 9. 3 FNV dropped a sack of meal out of his mill, just as Mrs 2 YS was passing by. 2 YS is very much annoyed with John - it missed !

I ask Members not to place too much significance to the report that 3 FNV displaced a cartilage while playing badminton - against Mrs 2 YS , but to await further news of this vendetta.

Future Events.

In the past your Committee decided on a calendar of events at their various meetings. Unfortunately some of those dates ended in fiasco owing to outside circumstances. It is hoped that the following programme will be adhered to with as few changes as possible.

Agony Column. Lost between the Common Room and Lecture Room - one Nagoka Phenomena - Finder please return to the latest A.R.R.L. Handbook.

Found by Howell Morris on 70 cms - rich harmonics. George Brown disclaims all credit for these, so will owner please apply to above C/O. Clamper Tube Dilemma, Headquarters.

No claim can be entertained for indigestion caused by the eating of one Christmas Cake recently won in a raffle.

Tailpiece.

Extra guards have been assigned to the British Museum to guard Marconi's equipment now that the Bran Tub is in process of being filled.

Editor's Note.

I must apologise for the late appearance of this edition of the Newsheet but yours truly has been indisposed.